

LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting Minutes taken by Judy Magelssen
From Zoom meeting on February 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Dena Brent (VP) called the meeting to order

Reports

Minutes November 5, 2020: Denise George motioned to approve minutes, Nancy Nunnelley seconded, unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report by Laurie Walker presented the annual report. Coleen Meyer moved to accept the annual report, Cas Mason seconded. Motion passed. Laurie presented the 2021 Budget. Shari added \$100.00 in income for Plant Sale. Denise George moved to accept the amended budget, Rosemarie Frederickson seconded. Motion passed. December 31, 2020 statement balance is \$6,149.15 (carryover to 2021). Reminder: 2021 dues of \$25.00 can be sent to Laurie Walker. Please include your contact information for verification when you pay your dues.

Science Fair Report by Coleen Meyer – \$125 was awarded to four science fair projects in the Junior Division (there were no entries in Elementary or Senior divisions that qualified for LAMG).

Analysis of Silver Nanoparticles Effects on Aquatic Plants - Malaika Philip - LAMS \$50

Is It Really Biodegradable? Ciara Colgan - Barranca \$30

Planting Clones - Amelia Hill – Aspen \$25

Which Soil Works Best? Gerrianna Romero - Piñon \$20

This year the Los Alamos Science Fair was completely virtual and it used a new software. Both students and judges were challenged by this new software. A 'Great Job' to all students who submitted a science fair project this year. 2021 LAMG judges were Coleen Meyer (chair), Dena Brent, Cas Mason, Judy Magelssen, and Nancy Nunnelley.

Extension Agent Report by Carlos Valdez –

1. The 2021 Master Gardener Class starts virtually March 8th. Participants watch the video at their leisure followed by a Thursday morning discussion including Q & A. The manual is digital. The cost is \$200 per person. There is no limitation to number of students this year. Current LAMG members may audit the class. Doris Thielemann will work with Angela on publicity.
2. Since Los Alamos county is in the (Coronavirus) Yellow Framework, LAMG/extension office can have programs with 9 participants or less (plus the teacher = 10).
3. NMSU will continue their zoom informational meetings through Spring.

Demo Garden: Denise George

1. New signage for the Demo Garden areas are continuing.
2. Cathe Ragsdale updated the website. [Assignment for Demo Garden heads: please update your plant list.](#)
3. A work party is scheduled for March 9, 2021. Remember 9 people or less, wear a mask, social distant.
4. There was a discussion on whether we wanted to place an order to Little Valley Wholesale Nursery for plants this year.
5. Possible future program was suggested by Laurie Walker: the design and development of White Rock Community Garden and the water feature to be installed in the Fall.
1. Ed Birnbaum is concerned about the Demo Garden sign because it is not visible. Possible solutions include but not limited to 1) move it 2) cut the vegetation around it 3) paint lettering white 4) move the yucca plant.
2. Suggestion was made to ask the Los Alamos County to turn on the water earlier to the Demo Garden.

New Business:

1. **Moonlight Garden Budget for 2021.** Judy Magelssen and Melissa Theesfeld requested \$1000.00 in the 2021 LAMG Budget to be used for plants and/or hardscaping (i.e. bench). Please note that this is the beginning of the process to transform this area into a Moonlight Garden. Additional plants, more hardscaping and the pond will be designed and budgeted in future years. It is typical to allocate \$1000 a year for three years for a new garden. Motion not needed because this line item was approved in the 2021 budget.
2. **Chamber Fest will be virtual this year on June 5.** Contact person for LAMG Plant Sale is Shari Foley. At this time, we are planning on having in-person plant sale. Location needs to be investigated (someplace in Ashley Pond area that does not interfere with Saturday Farmer's Market). Save your plants (please no invasive plants), vegetable and industrial strength plants sell really well.
3. **Community Seed swap:** organized by KokHeong McNauthton. Originally scheduled for Sunday, February 21 at the Los Alamos Co-op is rescheduled to Sunday, March 7th from noon – 4 pm. Social distancing will be in place. Please note that Los Alamos Co-op's 10th anniversary celebration will take place from 2-4 pm that same day.
4. **Informational:** Mary Zemach is under hospice care in Colorado.

Program: Carlos answered gardening questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next LAMG zoom meeting – March 4, 2021.

Attendees:

Denise George, Pallas Papin, Carlos Valdez, Coleen Meyer, Judy Magelssen, KokHeong McNaughton, Dena Brent, Peggy Reneau, Marjorie Selden, Doris Thielemann, Shari Foley, Vicki Ricketts, Cas Mason, Laurie and Bob Walker, Rosemarie Frederickson, Beverly Martin, Nancy Nunnelley, Betsy Comly. **Guest:** Marianne Hohenner.